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1.   High Commissioner 25X1

V. S. Semenov and (fnu) Lyukov planned to leave Berlin for Moscow on 3 July 1953; Semenov was to return after several days with directives for the reorganization of the East German government and of the district (Bezirk) councils. A meeting where these directives would be announced or explained was scheduled to be held some time between 6 and 11 July, the exact date to be set by Semenov.

2. Ulbricht spends most of his time working at the SED Central Committee, with the constant assistance of Heinz Gotsche. Ulbricht is said to be nervous but not ill. Dr. Fritz Geyer, an official of the Government Chancellery, has had to cancel his vacation plans. The ground floor of the Chancellery has been occupied since 18 June by "soldiers and ammunition".
3. Gotsche has stated that he believes the Americans are expecting new uprisings in East Germany, and are therefore deferring any talks with the Russians.

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4. Prof. Hermann Kastner, former LDP leader who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for Minister President, has been conferring daily with Otto Grotewohl. The Promotion Committee for the Working Intelligentsia, headed by Kastner, has been dissolved.
5. The headquarters of the FDGB has been closed. It is reported that about one fourth of the labor force in East Germany is currently absent from work.

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